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Idaho Milk Production Up 14 Percent

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Idaho milk production during September 1999 totaled 551 million pounds, up 14 percent from the same month last year but down 4 percent from August 1999. Idaho's average milk production per cow in September 1999 was 1,700 pounds, up 70 pounds from September 1998 but down 70 pounds from August 1999. The average number of milk cows in September was 324,000 head, 28,000 more than in September 1998, and 1,000 more than in August 1999.

Nationally, September milk production in the 20 major States totaled 11.2 billion pounds, up 5.3 percent from production in these same States in September 1998. August revised production, at 11.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from August 1998. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,449 pounds for September, 63 pounds above September 1998. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 52,000 head more than September 1998, and 8,000 head more than August 1999.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 1998-1999

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		1999 As Percent of 1998
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona	132	135	1,440	1,550	190	209	110
California	1,429	1,476	1,530	1,725	2,186	2,546	116
Florida	158	157	990	1,075	156	169	108
IDAHO	296	324	1,630	1,700	482	551	114
Illinois	127	121	1,280	1,300	163	157	96
Indiana	136	135	1,260	1,275	171	172	101
Iowa	222	215	1,350	1,395	300	300	100
Kentucky	134	132	955	960	128	127	99
Michigan	301	294	1,460	1,510	439	444	101
Minnesota	550	550	1,305	1,335	718	734	102
Missouri	168	163	1,060	1,080	178	176	99
New Mexico	219	235	1,625	1,600	356	376	106
New York	702	702	1,350	1,380	948	969	102
Ohio	263	259	1,310	1,380	345	357	103
Pennsylvania	623	616	1,380	1,415	860	872	101
Texas	344	346	1,145	1,125	394	389	99
Vermont	161	161	1,365	1,380	220	222	101
Virginia	123	121	1,155	1,250	142	151	106
Washington	247	247	1,775	1,860	438	459	105
Wisconsin	1,366	1,364	1,360	1,360	1,858	1,855	100
20 STATE TOTAL	7,701	7,753	1,386	1,449	10,672	11,235	105

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Red Meat Production Up 11 Percent

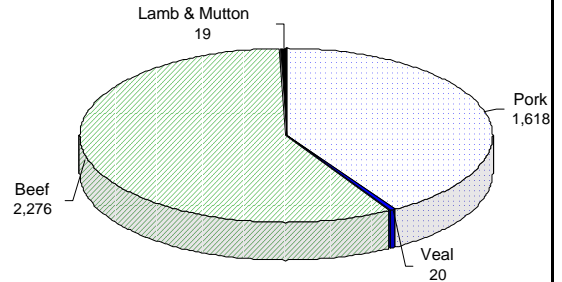
Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 1999 totaled 51.7 million pounds, up 11 percent from last year. September production showed a 2 percent decrease from August's 52.8 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January - September 1999 period totaled 424.7 million pounds, up 4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in September, up 3 percent from September's previous record high of 3.83 billion pounds produced in 1998. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.10 million head, up 4 percent from 1998. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,210 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous record high for September set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.64 million head, 1 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 255 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was up 2 percent from September 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 307 thousand head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 127 pounds, up 2 pounds from September a year ago. January -

September red meat production was 34.4 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 12 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 4 percent.

**Commercial Red Meat Production 1/
United States, September 1999**

Million Pounds



1/ Based on Packers' Dressed Weight and Excludes Farm Slaughter
Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	September 1998	August 1999	September 1999	September 1999 As Percent Of ^{2/}	
				September 1998	August 1999
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
California	92.5	89.3	88.0	95	98
Colorado	171.3	190.0	176.7	103	93
IDAHO	46.5	52.8	51.7	111	98
Illinois	222.1	216.4	226.7	102	105
Iowa	514.3	510.3	541.3	105	106
Kansas	498.2	546.5	538.3	108	98
Minnesota	164.7	166.7	173.3	105	104
Montana	1.7	2.4	2.1	121	88
Nebraska	557.9	593.9	589.5	106	99
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	121	86
Oklahoma	65.5	76.1	74.1	113	97
Oregon	3.6	4.1	3.9	109	96
South Dakota	86.0	80.1	82.5	96	103
Texas	423.8	426.5	431.4	102	101
Utah	42.0	46.1	43.4	103	94
Washington	60.2	65.1	67.9	113	104
Wyoming	0.6	0.7	0.5	87	69
UNITED STATES	3,828.4	*3,911.9	3,934.2	103	101

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data. *Revised.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 27 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 1999 totaled 310,000 head, up 27 percent from the October 1, 1998 inventory of 245,000 head. The inventory was up 9 percent from the number on hand as of September 1, 1999.

Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 80,000 head, up 12,000 head from September 1998 placements. Marketings during September totaled 54,000 head, up 13,000 head from September 1998 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.27 million head on October 1, 1999, up 5 percent from October 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.76 million, 4 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.70 million.

During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 629,000, 600-699 pounds were 557,000, 700-799 pounds were 758,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 815,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.96 million, 5 percent above 1998 and 8 percent above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during September, 2 percent above 1998.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	October 1, 1998	September 1, 1999	October 1, 1999		
			Number	As % of 1998	As % of September
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	201	200	208	103	104
California	395	375	380	96	101
Colorado	1,000	960	1,070	107	111
Idaho	245	285	310	127	109
Iowa	260	300	315	121	105
Kansas	2,090	2,080	2,240	107	108
Nebraska	1,760	1,700	1,900	108	112
New Mexico	90	81	91	101	112
Oklahoma	390	350	380	97	109
South Dakota	136	110	111	82	101
Texas	2,670	2,560	2,670	100	104
Washington	189	215	246	130	114
Other States	355	310	345	97	111
United States	9,781	9,526	10,266	105	108

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks Down 3 Percent From 1998

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 1999, totaled 1.0 billion pounds, an increase of 8 percent from August 31, 1999, but down 1 percent from September 30, 1998. Other frozen potatoes, at 231.1 million pounds, decreased 4 percent from August stocks, and 10 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on September 30, 1999, totaled 74.1 million pounds, down 22 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 117 percent from September 30, 1998. Of this 74.1 million pounds, the government owned 214,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 471.4 million pounds, down 8 percent from August 31, and up 13 percent from last year. The government owned 9,000 pounds, a small percentage of the total stocks.

Commodity	Sept. 30, 1998	Aug. 31, 1999	Sept. 30, 1999	1999 1998
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	1,010,381	928,193	1,003,264	99
Other Frozen	256,463	241,619	231,086	90
Total	1,266,844	1,169,812	1,234,350	97
DAIRY PRODUCTS:				
Butter	34,077	95,164	74,055	217
(Gov't Owned)	169	258	214	127
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	417,489	510,849	471,447	113
(Gov't Owned)	172	50	9	5

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 1998-99

State	Area Harvested ^{1/}		Unit	Yield		Production	
	1998	1999		1998	1999	1998	1999
IDAHO	Thousand Acres					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,430	1,430	Tons	3.88	3.83	5,549	5,477
Alfalfa	1,130	1,150	Tons	4.3	4.3	4,859	4,945
Sugarbeets	203	210	Tons	27.1	25.3	5,501	5,313
Dry Beans ^{2/}	103	103	Cwt.	2,050	2,000	2,112	2,060
UNITED STATES							
All Hay	60,016	62,051	Tons	2.52	2.60	151,338	161,385
Alfalfa	23,642	23,968	Tons	3.47	3.57	82,010	85,487
Sugarbeets	1451.7	1525.4	Tons	22.5	22.3	32,606	34,009
Dry Beans ^{2/}	1913.9	1,903	Cwt.	1,611	1,669	30,828	31,755

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/ Yield in pounds